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SUBJ: FIRST MIKI-HUSSEIN CONVERSATION

1. KING HUSSEIN AND PRIME MINISTER MIKI MET FOR THE FIRST OF TWO SCHEDULED CONVERSATIONS AT MIDDAY ON MARCH 11. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ONLY SUBJECT DISCUSSED WAS MIDEAST PEACE EFFORTS, PARTICULARLY THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION, DURING ONE HOUR AND FORTY-FIVE MINUTE MEETING. REPORTS OF MEETING AND EXCHANGE OF TOASTS AT BANQUET SAME EVENING, BASED ON FONOFF PRESS RELEASE, WERE PROMINENTLY FEATURED IN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS. VERNACULAR PRESS, ITS ATTENTION RIVETED ON UNFOLDING LOCKHEED PAYOFFS SCANDAL, PRACTICALLY IGNORED MEETING. INDEED, EXCEPT THROUGH SEEING NEW PICTURES OF KING AND QUEEN ARRIVING AND SIGHTSEEING, MAN IN THE STREET HERE PROBABLY OBLIVIOUS TO ROYAL VISIT.

2. IN THEIR MEETING, HUSSEIN AND MIKI REPORTEDLY AGREED

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THAT RESTORATION OF JUST RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS NECESSARY

TO ESTABLISHMENT OF MIDEAST PEACE. MIKI IS INDIRECTLY QUOTED AS INCLUDING THE "RIGHT OF INDEPENDENCE" IN LINE WITH UNGA RES 242 AMONG PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, TO WHICH HUSSEIN REPORTEDLY AGREED. SHORT VERNACULAR ACCOUNT IN JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL HAS HUSSEIN ALSO SAYING THAT "IF MATTER OF THE PALESTINIANS FORMING A STATE IS RECOGNIZED, FEDERATION WITH JORDAN IS ALSO POSSIBLE".

3. HUSSEIN REPORTEDLY DECLARED THAT ISRAEL'S STUBBORN POSTURE HAS STALEMATED GOLAN HEIGHTS SECOND-PHASE WITHDRAWAL TALKS, AND THAT HE PLANS TO ASK PRESIDENT FORD'S HELP IN BREAKING STALEMATE DURING VISIT TO WASHINGTON LATE THIS MONTH. MIKI'S RESPONSE WAS NOT REPORTED. HUSSEIN ALSO REPORTEDLY CALLED FOR RECOGNITION OF PLO'S RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN GENEVA TALKS AND DISCOUNTED POSSIBILITY OF DIRECT ISRAELI-PLO TALKS BECAUSE OF ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE.

4. IN THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF JORDAN'S FOREIGN RELATIONS, ACCORDING TO PRESS, HUSSEIN SAID THEY ARE WITH REGARD TO:

- ALL ARAB STATES: "GOOD NOW, THOUGH BAD AT ONE TIME;"
- THE PLO: "NO CURRENT PROBLEMS;"
- THE US: "IMPORTANT;"
- THE USSR: "NORMAL;"
- CHINA: "NOT SATISFACTORY AT PRESENT BUT LIKELY TO TURN BETTER IN THE FUTURE."

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